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DENHOLME URBAN SANITARY AUTHORITY.

ANNUAL REPORT of the Medical Officer of Health on the Sanitary conditions and Health of the Denholme Urban Sanitary District with certain tabular returns of Vital Statistics for the year 1942.

To the Denholme Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting for your consideration my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of your District along with certain Vital Statistics for the year ending 31st December, 1942.

Section A. The area of the district is unchanged, while the population figure according to the Registrar General's estimate for mid-1942 shows a decline. The number of Inhabited Houses at the end of 1942 had not altered. The population remains the same in type - the thrifty artisan class.

Vital Statistics. Live Births.- Total 31. Males 18, Females 13, of which 15 male births were legitimate and 3 illegitimate.

Still Births.- 1 female (legitimate).

Birth Rate per 1000 of estimated population - Live birth rate 13.02  
Still birth rate 0.4.

Deaths. Males 12, Females 14, Total 26.

Death rate per 1000 of estimated resident population - 11.23

Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis nil.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages). Females 3, Males 5, Total 8.

Death rate per 1000 of estimated resident population from Cancer - 3.4

Deaths from Measles - nil.

Deaths from Whooping Cough - nil.

Deaths from Diarrhoea - nil.

Death rate of Infants under one year of age :-

All infants per 1000 live births - 32.2.

Legitimate infants per 1000 live births - 32.2.

Illegitimate infants per 1000 live births - 0

The following table shows the ages at death :-

Under 1 yr. 1 and under 5. 5 and under 15. 15 and under 25. 25 and under 65

1

0

0

0

7

65 and over.

18

Table showing age groups and causes of death.

Cancer of Stomach & Duodenum - 1 (25-65 yrs).

Cancer of all other sites - 1 (25-65 yrs). - 6 (65yrs & over).

Intra-cranial Vascular lesions - - 2 (65yrs & over).

Heart Diseases. - 3 (25-65 yrs). - 11 (65 yrs & over).

Other Diseases of the

Circulatory System. - - 2 (65yrs & over).

Bronchitis - 1 (25-65 yrs). - 3 (65yrs & over).

Nephritis. - 1 (25-65 yrs). - 1 (65yrs & over).


Premature Birth. - 1 (under 1 yr).

All other causes. - 1 (65yrs & over).

Senility. - 1 (65yrs & over).

Section B. General Provisions for Health Services for the Area.

The Public Health Services, Hospital services, ambulance and nursing services, Veterinary services, and Child Welfare services, continue to function satisfactorily.



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Section C.

The Water supply and sewage disposal works both remain satisfactory, also the Closet accommodation.

Scavenging - the milk supply and conditions are still good and samples taken for test have been satisfactory.

No nuisances were outstanding at the end of 1942.

The regulated Trades, Buildings etc., were inspected several times and their condition found to be satisfactory.

The schools - Denholme Council and Keelham - have both been visited by myself a number of times, and three courses of Diphtheria immunization have been carried out for the benefit of the scholars; 70% of the scholars at Denholme and 80% of the scholars at Keelham have availed themselves of this safeguard.

Section F. Infectious Diseases.

|                        | <u>Total.</u> | <u>Admitted to Hospital.</u> | <u>Treated at home.</u> |
|------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Scarlet Fever.         | 7             | 5                            | 2                       |
| Acute Pneumonia.       | 11            | 0                            | 11                      |
| Erysiples.             | 3             | 0                            | 3                       |
| Measles.               | 43            | 0                            | 43                      |
| Whooping Cough.        | 6             | 0                            | 6                       |
| Tuberculosis of Spine. | 1             | Oswestry.                    | 0                       |

The epidemic of Measles was severe, but the type of case mild.

Cases of Scabies have been satisfactorily controlled by the local doctors.

The freedom from Pulmonary Tuberculosis is to be noted.

The health of the district has been good as far as the more serious complaints, but minor ailments are greatly increased.

No cases of Ophthalmic Neonatorum were notified.

Table C is appended herewith.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

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